



From the Director of Victim Services

The 18th Annual "Tennessee Season to Remember" ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year's event will be held virtually. Victim family members are encouraged to attend the virtual live stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/firstbaptistchurchnashville>.

Our emcee for the event will be Valencia Wicker with WKRN News 2 and our guest speaker will be April Armstrong, whose brother was murdered in a robbery. The Tennessee Board of Parole, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Department of Correction, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Criminal Justice Programs, Tennessee Secretary of State's Office, Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, Tennessee Department of Treasury, and Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) are sponsors of this year's event. The Davidson County District Attorney's office, Tennessee Voices for Victims, U. S. Attorney's Office (Middle Tennessee District), and You Have the Power, Inc. will assist us with this effort.

We hope you will join us!

Tamika Dobbins



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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

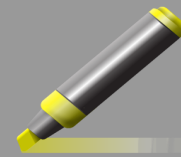
Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

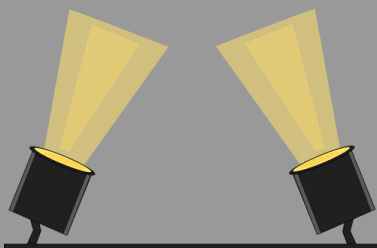
Victims Services Highlights....Let's meet



District 80 Probation/Parole Officer and Victim Coordinator Teresa Y. Geas served in the United States Navy for a total of 8 years. She joined the Navy right after she turned 18. Officer Geas was in the Navy's delayed entry program because she had to finish her senior year of high school before enlistment. Due to the fact that not many women entered the service at that time, Teresa did not actually leave for boot camp until the following fall. She spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in boot camp in Orlando, Florida and graduated boot camp on New Year's Eve. After her graduation, she was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois for Hospital Corpsman School.

During her time in the service, Teresa served mostly in the United States, however, she did serve a three year tour in Puerto Rico. She met and married her husband John Geas (PPO in Nashville) during her first tour of duty. The Navy taught her how to organize her work, meet deadlines, and work within the chain of command. Teresa had to leave the Navy due to medical reasons or she would have retired from the Navy. She thoroughly enjoyed her 8 years of service in the Navy and although she served during times of unrest, she was not in a combat area. Teresa is proud of her time in the service and shares she will always answer the call of the United States in any way she can.

Thank you for your service Teresa!



Dobbins attends the 12th Annual Rape Prevention Education Institute (RPEI).

The Tennessee Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence held their 12th Annual Rape Prevention Education Institute (RPEI) virtually on November 16-17, 2020. RPEI is a free, two-day conference for prevention professionals, educators, practitioners, and change makers to discuss the latest methods and trends in the field. This year's theme of Intersections of Prevention: Building Inclusive Communities, included content focused on how the victim services field intersects with different communities and other public health issues. The goal is for each attendee to leave with new skills, perspectives, and lots of ideas about how to impact their community through prevention work.



TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls	October	Notifications	October
Phone calls Received/Returned	140	Registration	127
Parties Registered for Notifications (phone/mail/fax/email)	121	Movement	145
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	2	Advance Release	1,036
Referrals	22	Final Release *	43
Release/Parole Inquiry	9	Death	21
Other	45	Other	4

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TENNESSEE SEASON TO REMEMBER

**DECEMBER 3, 2020
at 5:30 P.M.**



**VIRTUAL
CEREMONY**

LIVE STREAM CHANNEL

<https://www.youtube.com/firstbaptistchurchnashville>

Families that wish to have their loved ones names read during the ceremony must submit that information to

Season.to.Remember@tn.gov by Wednesday, November 25th.

If you have any questions, please email: Season.to.Remember@tn.gov



Save the Date

Season to Remember

Thursday December 10, 2020

Metro Nashville Police Department

Family Intervention Program

Questions? Call Amy at 615-862-7773



Announcements



Eleventh Annual

Victims' Tree of Remembrance

Monday November 30, 2020 thru Wednesday December 23, 2020

Sevier County Courthouse, Sevierville TN



District Attorney General James B. Dunn invites you to participate in the Victims' Tree of Remembrance, honoring the memory of victims of violent crime in the 4th Judicial District. This year will not be a formal event. Please bring an ornament you have made or bought to hang on the Remembrance Tree. You may stop by the courthouse foyer to hang your ornament Monday -Friday during the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30pm. If your ornament is stored at the District Attorney's Office, contact Victim Witness Coordinator Kim Hudson at 423-623-1285 to arrange a time and place for pick up. The decorated tree will remain on display in the Sevier County Courthouse Foyer throughout the holiday season.



WHAT VICTIMS CAN DO IF THEY'RE A

Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-356-6767

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800.799.SAFE

Battered Women's Justice Project - 800.903.0111

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 877.MADD.HELP

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 800.843.5678

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline—1-855-558-6484

National Human Trafficking Hotline - 888.373.7888

Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund - 615.741.2734

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